



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BEAUMONT DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

RICHARD HICKMAN

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CASE NO. 1:09-CR-109(13)

MEMORANDUM ORDER
ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION
ON DEFENDANT'S GUILTY PLEA

The Court referred this matter to the Honorable Keith F. Giblin, United States Magistrate Judge, for administration of a guilty plea under Rules 11 and 32 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Judge Giblin conducted a hearing in the form and manner prescribed by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11 and issued his *Findings of Fact and Recommendation on Guilty Plea Before the United States Magistrate Judge* [Clerk's doc. #587]. The Magistrate Judge recommended that the Court accept Defendant's guilty plea and conditionally accept the plea agreement. He further recommended that the Court finally adjudge Defendant as guilty on **Count I** of the **Indictment** filed against Defendant in this cause.

The parties have not objected to the magistrate judge's findings. The Court is of the opinion that the *Findings of Fact and Recommendation on Guilty Plea* should be accepted. It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that the *Findings of Fact and Recommendation on Guilty Plea* [Clerk's doc. #587] of

the United States Magistrate Judge are **ADOPTED**. The plea agreement is conditionally accepted by the Court at this time. It is further **ORDERED** that, in accordance with Defendant's guilty plea and the magistrate judge's findings and recommendation, Defendant, Richard Hickman, is hereby adjudged as guilty on **Count I** of the charging **Indictment** charging violations of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

SIGNED this the 22 day of **January, 2010**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thad Heartfield", is written over a horizontal line.

Thad Heartfield
United States District Judge